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ELECTION RESULTS

As this is written, it appears that the Democrats have retained control of Congress but by a very narrow margin, especially in the Senate. In fact, more than ever the Senate will be dominated by a unofficial coalition.

The continued vote-getting skill of Governor Dewey in New York, and Governor Warren in California was demonstrated.

One of the big surprises of the voting was the apparant defeat of the veteran Senator Tydings in Maryland. Former Governor Duff, of Pennsylvania, also emerges as a Republican vote-getter.

In Virginia, as expected, incumbent Congressmen were returned to office, but the total state vote was alarmingly light. We congratulate all nine Virginia Congressmen, and pray for wisdom and strength for all those entrusted with power in these uncertain times.

CHANCE FOR PEACE

It is not inspirational as to basic motives, but it appears to us that the greatest hope for peace in the Far East is the inadequacy of Red transportation. Russian weapons appeared to be good during the tussle in Korea. But the supplying of vast forces and the provision of gasoline would seem to depend upon the overworked Trans-Siberian railway. In actual war, our bombers would surely consider this a prime target. Inadequacy of gas supplies may be the reason behind scant use of Red air power thus far. In event of full-fledged war, it is hard to conceive how Russia could maintain stockpiles in the Far East. On the other hand, the United States could do so, although logistics involved would tax our economy. Russia has had time to build up stockpiles, it is true, but stockpiles of gas make good targets, too.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

THIRTY-EIGHTH PARALLEL IN VIRGINIA

(The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot)

Taking unaccustomed latitude with the subject, we come up with the following atlas-information:

Virginians from the south of Charlottesville cross the 38th parallel every time they go to a football game at the University of Virginia. Charlottesville is about two miles to its north. Louisa is just barely in the "North Korea" portion of the state; Goshen appears to be right on the line. Visitors in Hot Springs probably put their feet in hot water. Travelers on the Eastern Shore heading northward reach it a mile or so before they enter Maryland. On certain roads and paths in Accomack County, it parallels the state border.

This mysterious line which has held so much of the world's attention can't be seen anywhere on the earth's surface. But it cuts through Missouri some 50 miles south of St. Louis and leaves California about 17 miles north of San Francisco. It crosses Japan and China, and in the Russian Caucasus it comes near Stalinbad—which sounds like a description of you-know-who.

The 38th visits Turkey, runs right into Athens, is familiar with Italy, Southern Spain, and Portugal. At all points it is 3,500 miles from the North Pole and 2,600 miles from the Equator. Only in Korea, where some Russians took over, has the 38th caused any trouble.

CHINESE TROOPS IN KOREA

(Editorial from The New York Times)

There is no longer any question of the large-scale participation of Chinese troops in the fighting in Korea. It is not yet clearly established that they are operating formally in their own designated military units, but it is abundantly evident that they are present in force. Moreover, it is clear that massive Chinese units are deployed directly across the Yalu River from Korea in the Manchurian border area and that in this position they form a formidable staging area from which components, Korean and Chinese, can be sent to the front. It is reasonable to assume, also, that from this source are coming the large shipments of newly supplied Soviet-made, heavy weapons that have turned the routed and completely disorganized North Koreans into a still bitter and deadly antagonist.

At this stage there seems little Chinese disposition to conceal these operations. On the contrary, this newspaper reported from Hong Kong yesterday an ambitious Chinese Communist propaganda campaign designed to justify intervention in Korea as, of course, not mentioned in this campaign. But the familiar bogey of "imperialism" and, above all, of United States "aggression" is trotted out in full glory with the usual inflammatory appeal to any sort of xenophobia.

Nevertheless, the basic Chinese Communist tactic may not be outright intervention. The substitution for such a course is a planned covert infiltration and a sustained border position within both Korea and Manchuria could be militarily even more profitable and politically less hazardous than open alignment in the field with the Korean Communists. Surely the Chinese Communists are fully convinced that they will not be attacked, in China, by the forces of the United Nations. Protected by this cheap immunity, they can strike repeatedly at the United Nations without suffering any blow in return except to forces in the Korean field that they are obviously willing to sacrifice. This can make the Korean campaign still a long and grim and deadly one for the United Nations.

It is bitterly ironic that this operation should be conducted by the very regime that has so arrogantly and persistently asserted its right to be seated as a member of the United Nations. In the whole topsy-turvy of the present scene there is surely no stranger mode of trying to win friends and influence nations. The Chinese Communists can hardly expect that having failed to demand their way into the United Nations, they can shoot their way into it by an assault on United Nations forces in the field.

Their Tibetan aggression has already resulted in a noticeable cooling off of their Indian apologists and supporters. Their Korean adventure is not likely to gain for them any new friends to replace the Indians. Membership in the United Nations is presumably based on willingness to support the organization. Throwing troops and weapons against it is an extraordinary fashion in which to show this support, to say the least.

MOVIE HITS

(From: Northern Virginia Daily, Strasburg, Va.)

A New York Times movie critic recently came up with the idea that movie producers are trying to please too many people at a time. He advocates more specialization in film-making. His theme, not unfamiliar, is that most are made with the idea of attracting everybody, everywhere. It might be more to the point to make a picture with one group in mind, for instance the residents of good-sized cities, whose interests presumably are different from those of rural folks and small-towners. He admits that geographical lines may not be the right ones to draw, a fair proportion of rural folks being admitted to have common interests with city dwellers.

Sophisticated audiences wherever found, usually approve of a limited and selected diet of European films, which are artistic rather than popular in appeal. Other movie-goers prefer Westerns in color. A few good films of broad human interest do seem to appeal to all and sundry, and the picture which is a smash hit is usually a sell-out everywhere. Naturally there is not a producer in the business who would not like to turn out a smash hit every time. It has often been suggested that movie makers should give more weight to the varying tastes of their whole potential audience. Now battling a slump, they might bring a new conception of picture appeal out of it.

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Homemakers' Items

What do you do with a leftover glove when its mate is lost—or a stocking after the other has been ruined by a run or tear— or even a solitary overshoe?

Clothing specialists at V. P. I. say don't throw those things away.

They may be used to save money and clothes.

Good leather from a stray glove is useful in trimming or strengthening children's winter mittens or gloves, or it may be used for elbow patches on jackets and play coats. It may bind edges or sleeves or jackets that get hard wear. Bits of good leather may cover buttons for sports clothes.

The leftover stocking or sock needn't go to waste. Yarn from it may come in handy for mending. Unravel the yarn and wind on spools for the mending basket.

A good piece of rubber fabric often is needed to patch a child's overshoe—and a stray can provide it.

Spread thin slices of bread with butter. Remove crusts. Push in muffin tins and toast slowly. Use as patty shells for creamed chicken and other foods.

Herd Control

Well-groomed cattle, kept in well-bedded, clean stalls, will cut down on sanitary problems in a dairy, says R. G. Connelly, dairy husbandman at V. P. I.

Connelly suggests that dairymen groom cattle properly with currycombs, and brush them at least once each day. The cows shouldn't be allowed to lie in dirt when confined to a tramp shed.

Some clipping will help keep cows clean, but Connelly warns against clipping the heavy coat of hair from the main part of the cow's body when cold weather is approaching. The cow needs the hair during the wintertime for proper body insulation.

Raspberry Seedings

Of nearly 6,000 black raspberry seedlings under study at Virginia Experiment Sation, 89 have been marked for further tests.

Researchers say further testing of the selections should give new varieties that will thrive under Virginia conditions and give yields of high quality fruit.

Almost all of the 89 selected survived the winter in good condition.

No Change In Dairy Prices

Government - owned stocks are shadowing the dairy market, and little change in prices is expected through early 1951, says Ben F. Morgan, Jr., dairy marketing specialist at V. P. I.

Morgan says when the government holdings are sold down to normal, the market demand will be felt at the farm level and dairy prices will respond along with other farm prices.

Meanwhile, although there has been a moderate seasonal price rise since June, 1950, has seen dairy prices slow to respond to increased economic activity, in contrast to other farm products.

Beginning in April, prices of most other farm products started rising, and after the outbreak of fighting in Korea, they jumped sharply. However, dairy product prices were faced with their usual seasonal decline in April.

Morgan says that when adjusted for seasonal variations, dairy prices show stability for 1950.

Morgan also reports that government butter and cheese sales are now moving ahead of purchases. A sale of 44,000,000 pounds of surplus dry milk solids for livestock feed to Denmark will reduce stocks to about 318,000,008 pounds. A total of 6 0,000,000 pounds was bought for price support during the past 18 months.

About one - half (50,000,000 pounds) of the remaining stocks of government - owned cheddar cheese are being sold to the United Kingdom Ministry of Food. Before the sale, disposals of cheddar cheese included distribution of 21,000,000 pounds, donations for export of 4,000,900 pounds, and export sales of 7,300,000 pounds.

WARNING GIVEN AGAINST HOMEMADE ELECTRIC FENCE

Don't use homemade electric fences!

That's the advice of J. L. Calhoun, associate agricultural engineer at V. P. I., who warns that homemade electric fences are "very dangerous, and are often responsible for serious, sometimes fatal, accidents."

He urges farmers to use only electric fence equipment which meets requirements of the National Electric Safety Code and Underwriters Labortories. The requirements limit the electric shock produced by the fence so that it cannot cause serious or permanent injury.

In buying electric fence controllers, farmers should accept only equipment which meets the requirements.

Calhoun said a properly safeguarded electric fence is economical because it requires less wire and smaller and fewer posts than ordinary fencing. It is especially fitted as a temporary fence that must be moved often.

French continue wholesale abandonment of outposts in French Indochina.

Cold weather puts added burden upon GI's in Korea.

Industry briefed on a four-year plan of re-arming.

Senator Taft charges loss of the peace to Truman.

Seven injured in automobile crash Sunday near Monroe.

Virginia may get an extra Congressman in redistricting after final census returns.

Danville considers boosting power plant.

Turkey is planning death penalty for Reds.

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